

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action dated September 19, 2006. A diligent effort has been made to respond to the objections and rejections set forth therein, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

1. Status of Claims

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 1, 9, and 15 are amended herewith.

2. Rejections over Hull (US 2003/0034878) in view of Fujino (US 2001/0012347)

The obviousness rejection over Hull in view of Fujino should be withdrawn because the Office Action fails to make out the required *prima facie* case of obviousness. Specifically, the Office Action does not show where all of the claim limitations of the independent claims 1 and 15 are disclosed in these references and therefore the rejection is improper.

Amended Claim 1, for example, describes a method of processing a communications event in a mobile device having a user interface. The method includes the following steps: (A) identifying a correspondent, independent of an address book, associated with the communications event; (B) automatically retrieving, from a communications event database, a communications event history associated with the identified correspondent, the communications event history including a plurality of prior communications events with the identified correspondent, the prior communications events including a plurality of event types; and (C) displaying the retrieved communications event history of the identified correspondent using the user interface of the mobile device.

The system described in Hull, by distinction, only receives and monitors messages from contacts which are previously stored in their contact list. Furthermore, as Hull is only capable of

handling messages which are received from contacts, this means that senders of any messages are identified by comparing sender information with information stored in the device's address book. As the keypad numbers are used to control these contacts, the Hull device is only capable of handling a limit of 10 contacts. This reduces the amount of processing that is required by the device when a message is received.

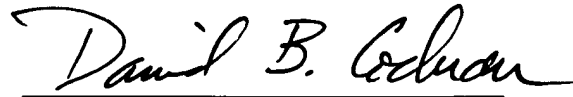
The technology described in amended claims 1 and 15 is much different from that in Hull in that the claims describe a method and a device that is capable of the monitoring, handling and displaying of any communication events which are received by the device and is not limited to only contacts which are stored in their database or address book. Although the database does assist in providing the user with a personalized indication as to a correspondent (when the correspondent is in the database), the monitoring, handling and display of communication events of unknown correspondents is also possible.

Fujino does not make up for the missing teaching of Hull. This reference discloses a method of tracking the number of times individuals have called a mobile communication device. The Office Action refers to paragraph 0034 of Fujino for its alleged disclosure of a communication event database and a communication event history associated with an identified correspondent, but it is not clear from reading paragraph 0034 that this paragraph has anything at all to do with these subjects, or with the subject matter of the present claims of this application. Thus, applicants maintain that reliance on Fujino is misplaced.

For all of these reasons the rejections over Hull in view of Fujino are traversed, and should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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